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In re Application of  
Hans Christian Thogensen et al  
Serial No.: 09/445,576  
Filed: December 13, 1999  
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed August 6, 2004, for withdrawal of abandonment of the above identified application based on evidence that the reply was timely filed.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on December 12, 2003, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply the Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment to applicants on July 26, 2004.

Applicants state that the response to the Office Action, a Petition for a 3 month extension of time with the accompanied fee, and a replacement sheet for Figure 2 was mailed on June 17, 2004. Applicants provide a copy of all the above mentioned items and a postcard receipt for the items from the Patent and Trademark Office dated June 17, 2004. In view of the evidence presented the Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further action.  
No fee is due for this petition and the fee of \$130.00 will be refunded.**

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact Jean F. Vollano by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at 571-272-0648 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number.

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